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1. On 1 October 1950 the 132 Division, Chinese Communist 44 Army, was identified in Nanning during a national parade. The division is garrisoning the Nanning area.
2. CHUNG Wei (鍾偉), commander of the 49 Army,\* has established his headquarters at Nanning, and is also garrison commander there. The bulk of the 49 Army is in hsien between Fangch'eng (108-23, 21-46), Ch'inhsien (108-37, 21-58) and Nanning. Other units of the 49 Army are still in Liuchou (109-16, 24-13) and the West River region.
3. There are 300 Soviets in Nanning. Fifty are air force ground crew technicians, 15 are water and electrical works technicians, and the balance are military advisers training Chinese Communist forces in the use of new weapons. Two light tanks and many heavy guns have arrived.
4. Only one aircraft, a transport which arrived in March 1950, uses the Nanning airfield.
5. On 8 October the French bombed a Chinese Communist ammunition dump at Kanghuahsu (崗化壩), Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09). The damage was heavy, including 50 trucks.
6. One thousand Viet Minh Army trainees formerly at Shangssu (108-03, 22-11) along with trainees at Nanning have returned to Indochina. Only a few liaison personnel remain in Nanning.
7. Since 15 September, 15,000 Chinese Communist troops have entered Indochina via Yuehhsu (岳嶺), in Chinghsi Hsien, and Suikou (106-34, 22-28).
8. Although the Kwangsi Government claims to have recruited 600,000 laborers

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to expedite construction of the Laipin (109-16, 23-42) -Chennankuan (106-41, 22-04) railroad, which will be completed by the end of 1950, the actual force numbers about 200,000 as well as two battalions of the Railroad Army Group.

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9. On 6 November the 2 Division of the Railroad Army Group was constructing the Laipin-Chennankuan railroad.

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